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SUBJECT: BBC PANORAMA TEAM DETENTION

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1. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD ME ON OCTOBER 31 THAT HE IS FURIOUS WITH THE BBC TEAM ARRESTED AND HELD BY THE MPLA. MOST OF THEM, HE SAID, ARE SOUTH AFRICANS, AND AMONG THEIR BELONGINGS THEY HAD A BLOWN UP PHOTOGRAPH OF PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS WITH AN EIGHT YEAR OLD MASCOT, A NEGRO BOY, DRESSED IN THE UNIFORM OF A SECOND LIEUTENANT AND HOLDING A GUN. THE PHOTO IS TYPICAL, SAID THE ADMIRAL, OF THOSE TAKEN BY SOLDIERS AND THEIR MASCOTS AROUND THE WORLD. YET, THE CAPTION PUT ON THE PICTURE BY THE BBC WAS, "PORTUGUESE TROOPS ARM THE MPLA PIONEERS." THE ADMIRAL SAID HE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO OBTAIN

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THE RELEASE OF THE TEAM, BUT HE WANTS THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY

IMMEDIATELY.
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